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SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" ഗവൺമെന്റിന്റെ കണക്കുകൾ ഒട്ടും ശരിയല്ല കൂടുതൽ അഭയാർത്ഥികൾ ഉണ്ടെന്നാണറിവ്. വീണ്ടും കണക്കുകൾ ശേഖരിച്ചു അവർക്കു വേണ്ട സഹായം ചെയ്യാൻ മയവുണ്ടാകുമോ ? "

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIYAR :—" Sir, the hon. Member says that the statistics given by the Government are not at all correct."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I cannot take it from the hon. Member that the statistics collected by our officers are wrong. Of course, statistics are generally right only up to a point. It may be both are right but we cannot say this as between 1,500 and 10,000."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" பிரஞ்சு செட்டில்மெண்டு எல்லையில் இருக்கும் பாண்டிச்சேரி, காரைக்கால் பிரதேசங்களில் நம்முடைய மக்கள் அங்குள்ள போலீசாரால் தாக்கப்படுவதால் பலர் காயம் அடைந்ததாக பத்திரிகைகளில் செய்தி வந்தது. இதைத் தடுப்பதற்கு இந்த சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொண்டார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, we are taking the greatest amount of interest in this matter but as it is an international and political matter all the things that we do cannot be set out to the general public in newspapers or in answers to questions in the House. It is a matter which we have to deal with very carefully. The Government of India is far more anxious to look after these people and to bring these difficulties to a termination than any Member of this House either on this side or on that side."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the Hon. the Chief Minister was saying that it is an international question and beyond the control of this Government to help these refugees whose properties were left in Mahe. May I know, whether the Hon. the Chief Minister will be pleased to state, if these refugees who have left their houses and movable property in Mahe are prepared to go there with the help of the democratic public and take the movable properties from their houses, that police aid will not be given in favour of this Foreign Settlement? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I am surprised at the naivete of the hon. Member. We cannot possibly send our policemen into French territory without taking the risk of both sets of people, police officers and men, being arrested and put in prison. We cannot do such a thing. We are trying to give employment to those who are fit for employment and we are trying to do all that we can for them. We cannot go and interfere in the internal police affairs of the other State."

Mobile medical units.

* 390 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state whether the Government have received nay representation or report requesting that mobile

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medical units be made permanently available at the rate of one for every five or six villages; and if so, the action taken by them thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" No, Sir."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, in view of the fact that in Malabar it is very difficult to get medical aid on account of the hospitals being few and far between and on account of their inaccessibility by road, would the Government consider the permanent establishment of Mobile Medical Units for visiting the villages, say, at the rate of one for each five or six villages?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, there are at present proposals under the consideration of Government for starting as an experimental measure four Mobile Medical Units based on Taluk Headquarters Hospitals and the hon. Member may be glad to know that one of the places suggested is Tellicherry. There is also another scheme for running Mobile Medical Units based on primary centres at the rate of one centre for each district which are not included in the first scheme. It will be very difficult to start such Mobile Medical Units, one for every five or six villages, because it will cost a very huge amount."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, since this question has arisen because of the unsatisfactory character of medical aid in the rural parts, will the Government consider some kind of a proposal for improving medical aid by diverting the reserves in the Producer-*cum*-Consumer Societies by amending the Act?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, it is purely a financial suggestion."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I think the hon. Member may put a fresh question regarding this matter to the Hon. the Minister for Finance."

SRI K. R. NALLASIVAM :—" இந்த மாகாணத்தில் சமுதாயநல அபிவிருத்தி திட்டத்தின்கீழ் எத்தனை 'மோபைல் மெடிகல் யூனிட்' வேலை செய்துகொண்டிருக்கின்றன?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I do not think that there are any at present but, if the people of the area where the Health Centres are located make a contribution for this purpose, I think that within the Community Project areas these Mobile Medical Units can be started."

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" கிராம பிரதேசங்களில் மருத்துவ வசதி செய்வதற்கு வேறு என்ன சாத்தியமான நடவடிக்கையை எடுக்க சர்க்கார் உத்தேசித்திருக்கிறது?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the Government have at present under consideration a scheme for training a new type of medical and rural health worker, namely, the scheme which has been sent to this Government for consideration by the Central Ministry of Health."

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SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" Sir, may I know what is the extent of contribution expected from the people in the Community Project areas? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" At least 50 per cent, Sir."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" ചികിത്സാ സൌകര്യങ്ങൾ തീരെ ഇല്ലാത്ത മല പ്രദേശങ്ങളിൽ അടിയന്തരമായിട്ടു ഒരു പദ്ധതി നടപ്പിൽ വരുത്താൻ ശ്രമിക്കുമോ ? "

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, the hon. Member wants to know whether in the hilly tracts where at present there is no medical aid, the Government will consider the question of establishing these Mobile Medical Units? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir. The Government are at present having a Mobile Medical Unit in the Nilgiris for the purpose of giving medical relief to the Todas and other hill tribes."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Sir, is the inability to provide more medical aid due to the reluctance of doctors to settle in rural areas and, if so, what action do the Government propose to take to provide doctors who have undergone a short course? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the difficulty is due to the shortage of medical personnel and also to the general unwillingness of doctors to settle down in rural areas. I have already said that we have under consideration a scheme for training Auxiliary Medical and Health Personnel for this work."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Sir, our recent experience in North Malabar is that these Mobile Medical Units are mobile but not medical in view of the fact that they were mostly distributing milk powder and not medicine. May I request the Hon. the Minister to see that they would be medical units in the real sense of the word and that they would be equipped with a complement of medical supplies? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I do not think the hon. Member is right here. Wherever these Mobile Units are functioning the people welcome them. Our teaching Colleges in the Madras City and some other mufassal cities also are running such Mobile Units and they are very popular."

SRI S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH :—" Sir, may I know where these Mobile Units are functioning? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The proposal is to leave 2 units in the Tamil districts and two in the West Coast districts."

SRI M. PALANIYANDI :—" Sir, even in the first Budget of this Assembly, the Hon. the Minister for Public Health promised to provide Mobile Medical Units for all the districts. May I know why the Government have not kept their promise? "

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, I did not make any such promise except to state that it will be considered. On account of financial difficulties due to drought and other conditions we have not been able to implement them so far. These are very costly schemes. For instance, the four Mobile Medical Units will cost Rs. 77,600 recurring expenditure and Rs. 1,03,200 non-recurring expenditure."

Construction of a road from Mukkam to Arikkode.

* 391 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to construct a road from Mukkam in Kozhikode taluk, Malabar, to Arikkode in Ernad taluk? 9-30 a.m.

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" No, Sir."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister whether, in view of the fact that the road will be very useful for trade and purposes of communication, the Government will be pleased to consider the proposal? "

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" It may be useful, Sir. If the proposal comes from the District Board, the Government will consider it."

SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" In view of the fact that there is already an old abandoned road in existence from Mukkam to Arikkode and that it can be repaired at a very comparitively low cost, may I know whether the Government will consider the necessity of repairing the road as soon as possible? "

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" Yes Sir, there is already a road up to Mukkam. If the District Board sends up a proposal to the Government to extend it, it will be considered."

The Ayurvedic dispensary at Karivallur, North Malabar.

* 392 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the amount of money that the Government have allotted for the Rural Ayurvedic dispensary at Karivallur, North Malabar, yearly and the number of patients attending this dispensary daily?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The Ayurvedic dispensary at Karivallur is not one subsidised by the Government. The daily average attendance of the patients treated at the dispensary is 4 and 11 for the years 1952 and 1953, respectively."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know from the Hon. Minister when this Ayurvedic dispensary at Karivallur was opened, when the doctor for this dispensary was appointed, when Ayurvedic medicines for distribution to the patients reached the dispensary and when the doctor began to give treatment? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I have not got all those particulars. I understand that the medical officer joined duty on 10th December 1952."